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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Andrzej Kilian and David Bowtell

Title: VERTEBRATE TELOMERASE
GENES AND PROTEINS AND
USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action ("OA") dated September 27, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. The period for response has been extended up to, and including, March 27, 2003, which is within the six month statutory period by the attached request for a three (3) month extension of time. It is not believed that any additional fees are due but should additional extensions of time be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 2 and 66 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for claims 1, 27, 32, 34, 61, 65, 71, 80, 81 and 101, the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The